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FOR AMBASSADOR/CHARGE' FROM VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OAS, VE, NU

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM VENEZUELA FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

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1. REFTTEL REPORTS OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL DECISION SEPTEMBER  
7 TO DELAY VOTE ON CONVOKING MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF  
FOREIGN MINISTERS UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12.  
FYI. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN FURTHER DELAY OF  
CONSIDERATION OF CONVOCATION REQUEST IN ORDER TO EXPLORE

MORE FULLY VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION FOR EFFECTIVELY DEAL-  
ING WITH NICARAGUAN SITUATION, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE INI-  
TIATIVE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CA COUNTRIES TO OFFER  
THEIR GOOD OFFICES AS MEDIATORS. WE ARE CONSULTING WITH  
SELECTED CA COUNTRIES ON THEIR POSSIBLE INITIATIVE FOR OAS  
FOR DELAY PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING. END FYI.

2. WE ASK THAT YOU APPROACH HOST GOVT AT HIGHEST APPRO-  
PRIATE LEVEL TO (A) REQUEST ITS POSITION ON CONVOCATION,  
(B) SOLICIT ITS VIEWS ON MEASURES WHICH MFM MIGHT TAKE AND  
(C) CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF ADDITIONAL DELAY OF ONE WEEK  
IN OAS CONSIDERATION OF CONVOCATION TO PERMIT FURTHER CON-  
SIDERATION OF ALL APPROPRIATE COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO  
INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN DEALING WITH NICARAGUAN  
SITUATION AND TO INSTRUCT OAS REP TO REQUEST DELAY.

3. YOU MAY ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED  
IN PRINCIPLE VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM UNDER ARTICLE 59.

4. REPORT RESULTS YOUR CONSULTATION BY OPENING OF  
BUSINESS MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11. CHRISTOPHER

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UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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